

GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

THIS Service has been remarkably well sustained during the winter. The average attendance being 498. The aggregate since Oct. 1st (six months) has been 12,425. At this meeting the Gospel in all its simplicity has been proclaimed, by our Members and others. We have also been cheered and aided by the presence and co operation of City Pastors. Held as it is after Church hours, this meeting does not in any way conflict with stated services, and in the future, as in the past, we shall make it our aim to carry on our work in such a manner, and at such times as shall furnish no grounds upon which an excuse for non-attendance at Church services can be made.

Our Choir renders excellent services at this meeting, and, under God, we may attribute much of the increased attendance to the delightful strains of Sacred Song which greet the visitors to the Hall. May many learn the notes of that "new Song" while listening to the "Old, old story" here sung or spoken.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

COMPARATIVELY few people are acquainted with the magnitude and character of the Young Men's Christian Association. There are about 3,000 of them, with a membership approximating 200,000. They are to be found in all parts of the habitable globe. The London Association has twenty-seven branches. There are about 360 Associations in Great Britain and Ireland; 74 in France; 331 in Germany; 409 in Holland; 196 in Switzerland; 79 in Sweden; 6 in Italy; 9 in Spain; about 30 in Armenia; 15 in Belgium; 6 in South Africa; 5 in Syria, viz: Beirut, Damascus, Jaffa, Jerusalem and Nazareth; 2 in Japan, viz: Yokohama and Tokio; 2 in India, viz: Calcutta and Bombay; one in China, at Hong Kong; one in Madagascar, at Antanarine; one at Conception, in Chili; one in the Sandwich Islands, at Honolulu; one in Moscow, Russia; one in Vienna, Austria; one in Constantinople, Turkey; five in New South Wales; five in New Zealand; and nine in Australia. There are others in vari-

ous parts of the world. There are about 1,209 composing the American group—in the United States and Canadas.—*Selected.*

LENGTHENING THE LADDER.

IN the middle of the night the large and splendid Sailors' Home in Liverpool was on fire, and a multitude of people gathered to witness the conflagration. The fury of the flames could not be checked. It was supposed that all the inmates had left the burning building. Presently, however, two poor fellows were seen stretching their arms from an upper window, and were shouting for help. What could be done to save them?

A stout marine from a man-of-war lying in the river said, "Give me a long ladder and I will try it."

He mounted the ladder. It was too short to reach the window. "Pass me up a small ladder," he shouted.

It was done. Even that did not reach to the arms stretched frantically out of the window. The brave marine was not to be baulked. He lifted the short ladder up on his own shoulders, and, holding on by a casement, he brought the upper rounds within reach of the two men, who were already scorched by the flames.

Out of the window they clambered, and, creeping down over the short ladder and then over the sturdy marine, they reached the pavement amid the loud hurrahs of the multitude.

It was a noble deed, and teaches a noble lesson. It teaches us that when we want to do a good service to others we must add our own length to the length of the ladder.

THE WORD OF GOD.

IT is manna, and your soul must daily feed on it. It is a lamp, and by its light you are daily to walk. It is the sword of the Spirit, and you will need it daily to fight against Satan (Deut. viii. 3; Ps. cxix. 105; Eph. vi. 17).

You must search in the Word, as in a mine, if you would find treasure; you must meditate thereon, if you would enjoy its sweetness; you must hide it